



Application Serial No.: 10/616,707  
Amendment dated February 1, 2006  
Response to Office Action dated January 24, 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fanous  
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Examiner: M. Araj  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED January 24, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows in order to put the application in condition for allowance:

A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4.

Entry  
Recommended  
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